

Senate Resolution 1200

By: Senator Tolleson of the 20th

## A RESOLUTION

1   Expressing regret at the passing of Foy Evans; and for other purposes.

2   WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recently lost one of its finest and most distinguished  
3   citizens with the passing of Foy Evans; and

4   WHEREAS, he was the editor and publisher of *The Daily Sun* in Warner Robins, Georgia,  
5   and Mr. Evans got his start in Macon in the sports department of *The Telegraph*, then known  
6   as *The News*, before moving to Florida to pursue a law degree; and

7   WHEREAS, after the war, he moved to middle Georgia, where he saw opportunity for a  
8   young entrepreneur like himself; and

9   WHEREAS, his newspaper, which he started in 1949, put together by a few veterans and  
10   reporters fresh out of college, was still routinely winning Georgia Press Association awards  
11   for journalism in 1973 and was widely considered one of the top two or three papers of its  
12   size in this state; and

13   WHEREAS, he ran the weekly *Sun* by himself, at first, gathering and writing the news,  
14   selling the ads and subscriptions, and delivering the papers; and

15   WHEREAS, a couple of years later, he sold the newspaper, but what the employees learned  
16   about journalism carried them much further than they expected when seeking new careers;  
17   one reporter went on to a career of overseas assignments as a foreign correspondent, wire  
18   service reporting, and finally to become a thriving newspaper publisher in California; another  
19   is currently an editor at the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*; and one traveled to Chicago and  
20   Washington before coming back and settling down in the very same building that once  
21   housed *The Daily Sun*; and

1 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience  
2 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this  
3 state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

4 WHEREAS, this distinguished man gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals,  
5 and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and he possessed the vast wisdom which only  
6 comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved through  
7 overcoming the many challenges of life; and

8 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
9 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and, by the example he made of his life, he  
10 made this world a better place in which to live.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
12 express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of Foy Evans.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
14 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Foy Evans.